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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

Broadband is just another public utility, and should be treated in the same careful manner as power companies and others. The distribution network MUST be kept open and public to assure that competition is rampant and we do not become dependent on a monopoly system that refuses to invest in upgrades in the name of profitability.

Some years ago I chose to unbundle after repeated instances of unannounced fee hikes, cramming of programming, and unsatisfactory service. Today, thanks to a local ISP, I have excellent service, competitive pricing and good products from my independent providers.
I do not wish that choice of service taken from me by regulation.

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